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In re Patent Application of:  
Arnold Craven

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For: SCREW HAVING A KNULED PORTION

Examiner: F. Saether

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant has reviewed the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, mailed on June 5, 2007, and wishes to submit the following remarks. The Statement paraphrases a limitation as reason for allowance of all of the claims.

Applicant wishes to point out that each of the independent claims stands on its own merits and is patentable because of the combination it recites and not because of the presence or absence of any one particular element. In addition, the dependent claims recite limitations which, in combination with their base claims, render the dependent claims allowable.

Entry of the Statement into the record should not be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence in the reasoning stated therein. Otherwise, Applicant agrees with the Statement that the allowed claims distinguish over the prior art.

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Respectfully submitted,

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